

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,
IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND IMAGE READING APPARATUS

The specification is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I claim priority benefits under 35 USC §119 of: (i) any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below; or (ii) any United States provisional application(s) listed below; and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed.

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